

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, the Army Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Navy Reserve, the Marine Corps Reserve and the Coast Guard Reserve constitute a vital and important part of our nation's defense system; and

WHEREAS: Members of the National Guard and Reserve are "Citizen Warriors", who lead dual lives as workers, managers, professionals and students throughout our communities. As members of our nation's armed forces, they train and maintain their military skills so that they can answer the call to serve in military security operations at home and abroad, as well as provide humanitarian aid at home; and

WHEREAS: President Richard Nixon, on June 22, 1972, authorized the Secretary of Defense to create the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), and the Department of Defense established the Arkansas Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve; and

WHEREAS: For over 40 years, ESGR has promoted and facilitated a strong culture of mutually beneficial relationships between employers and their military employees, thereby enabling members of the Guard and Reserve to respond quickly to state disaster emergencies and national military necessities, knowing that they have a secure civilian career after their service ends;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim August 21st through August 27th, 2016, as

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across the State, and I commend National Guard and Reserve members for their service and their employers for their support.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 19th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Attest

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson", is written over a horizontal line.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor